GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:76
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2015
Upgradation into NHs
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of criteria/norms fixed by the Government to declare/upgrade various State roads or State highways as National Highways (NHs) alongwith the details of State roads or State highways declared as NHs during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated/released/utilised for the purpose during the said period State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposals seeking upgradation of State highways into National Highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with present status of proposals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 ANSWERED ON 03.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA AND SHRI B. SRIRAMULU REGARDING UPGRADATION INTO NHS

(a) The details of criteria/norms fixed by the Government to declare/upgrade various State roads or State highways as National Highways (NHs) is at Annexure-I. The State /UT-wise details of length of NHs declared during the last three years and the current year, State-wise are at Annexure-II.

(b) Subsequent to declaration as NH, the stretches are entrusted to an agency for development and maintenance. Development is taken thereafter in stretches keeping in view the inter-se priority and availability of funds. As such, no allocation of funds is made at the time of declaration of NH.

(c) and (d) The Ministry keeps on receiving proposals for declaration of State roads as new National Highways from various State Governments which are examined keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds. This Ministry has declared about 23657 kms of roads/routes as new NHs in the country during the last three years and the current year. The Ministry has taken up detailed review of National Highways (NHs) Network with a view to improve connectivity in border areas including coastal boundary / connectivity covering development of about 7,000 km of new NHs under Bharatmala Pariyojna and also the connectivity to religious places, tourist places and connectivity to backward area covering another about 7,000 km length of roads in consultation with State Governments. The proposed programme under Bharatmala Pariyojana is, inter-alia, envisaged to include development of road connectivity to some non-major ports also. However, these programmes are yet to be formally launched.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 ANSWERED ON 03.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA AND SHRI B. SRIRAMULU REGARDING UPGRADATION INTO NHS

Criteria for declaration of National Highways:

The Ministry has devised an eleven points criteria for declaration of National Highways based upon the comments of the Planning Commission, are as under:

1. Road which run through the length and breadth of the country.
2. Roads connecting adjacent countries.
3. Roads connecting the National Capital with State Capital and roads connecting mutually the State Capitals.
4. Roads connecting major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.
5. Roads meeting very important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated areas.
6. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.
7. Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions (other than strategically important ones).
8. National Highways grid of 100 km is achieved.
9. The road must be upto the standard laid down for State Highways (SHs) − both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements. The existing roads (SH, Major District Roads (MDRs) and other roads), which are important in terms of various criterion stipulated herein, will be considered for upgrading to NH standards. It will, however, be ensured that the roads being upgraded generally satisfy the standards laid down for SH but MDR and other roads required to be upgraded to form grid and connect important/backward areas will also be considered.
10. The existing Right of Way (ROW) should be the property of the State Government and must be generally free any type of encroachments.
11. The right of way required for the National Highways (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months. If additional ROW is required for developing the road to NH standards, the State Governments would complete the acquisition expeditiously after sanctioning of estimates therefor.

ANNEXURE-II

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(length in km)

Sl. No.	States	Addition during 2012-13	Addition during 2013-14	Addition during 2014-15	Addition during 2015-16
1	Andhra Pradesh	1764	289	715.58	562
2	Arunachal Pradesh			486.05	
3	Assam	89	605	177.67	
4	Bihar	62	299	211.79	160
5	Chandigarh			-8.725	
6	Chhatisgarh	742		47.4	
7	Delhi	0			
8	Goa			-6.999	
9	Gujarat	547	115	276.9	
10	Haryana	417	177.48	395	
11	Himachal Pradesh	690	270.48	156	
12	Jammu & Kashmir	450	624	274	
13	Jharkhand	204	594	-314.36	
14	Karnataka	246	1535	255.29	70
15	Kerala	243		111.52	
16	Madhya Pradesh	52	68.57	9	
17	Maharashtra	1252	740.2	798.59	387
18	Manipur	135		293.74	
19	Meghalaya			33.358	
20	Mizoram	195		159	
21	Nagaland	247		409.09	
22	Orissa	712	134	94.523	
23	Pudducherry			11.03	
24	Punjab	142		540.15	530
25	Rajasthan	50	466	240.2	20
26	Sikkim			160	
27	Tamil Nadu	32		31.14	
28	Tripura	109	68	228	
29	Telangana				
30	Uttarakhand	240		559.92	
31	Uttar Pradesh	168		497	
32	West Bengal	227		1.801	
33	Andaman & Nicobar Island			30.7	
34	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	31	0		
35	Daman & Diu	22	0		
Total		5428	9041.2	6670.9	2517

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